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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" (*a*) The councils and the committees are purely advisory bodies and they meet once in a month or at least once in a quarter to review the work done in the enforcement of the Act in the previous month or quarter and discuss and put forward suggestions for better working during the current month or quarter, as the case may be.

" (*b*) The periodical meetings provide adequate opportunities for the members to discuss freely and frankly the defects in the working of the Act in any particular area or areas both on the enforcement and the ameliorative sides, and to put forward any remedial measures for consideration and implementation. The suggestions made at the meetings are always taken into consideration by the local officers and put into action. Section 26 of the Prohibition Act requires every Member of a Prohibition Committee to observe the working of the Act in his taluk and make a report to the Collector or other Prohibition Officer as and when necessity arises. Every member is also entitled to give information regarding the commission or suspected commission of offences at any Police or Prohibition station. The periodical meetings help to review how far the members have fulfilled their obligations in assisting the staff to enforce the Act strictly in the areas which they represent. The prohibition councils and committees are necessary, if a proper link and understanding are to be maintained between the official machinery and the non-officials."

MR SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Members Sri K. T. Kosalram and Sri R. V. Swaminathan have each given notice of a privilege motion. Sri R. V. Swaminathan's privilege motion reads as follows :—

' I wish to bring to your notice the caption given in *Dinamani* on **17th** December 1953 about the speech of Mr. K. T. Kosalram, M.L.A., in the Assembly characterising it as " மரணுவஸ்தை பிரசங்கம்" and,, வெறியாட்டம்" which I consider as a breach of privilege.'

" The hon. Member Sri K. T. Kosalram has also given notice of a similar motion. This is a very important matter and I want to give full consideration to it. I shall take up this matter on Monday."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—" On Monday I will not be here. So I request that it may be taken up on Tuesday."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection."

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12–20 p.m. SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, may I request that I may be allowed to say a few words regarding the privilege motion? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" When we take up the matter on Tuesday, I will allow the hon. Member."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Thank you very much."

SRI A. RAMASAMI TEVAR :—" Sir, I want to know from the Hon. Speaker whether what he read just now is '*Maranavasthai Prasavam*'."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order. It is '*Prasangam*' and not '*Prasavam*'."

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKEE.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR *RE* MADRAS CONTINGENCY FUND BILL, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 4th December 1953, from the Governor of Madras :—

'In pursuance of Article 207 (1) read with Ariticle 199 (1) (c) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Assembly the introduction of the Madras Contingency Fund Bill, 1953."

(2) ELECTION OF FOURTEEN MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for the election of fourteen Members to the Public Accounts Committee :—

1 Sri D. Dasaradhan.
2 Sri E. L. Raghava Mudaliyar.
3 Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni.
4 Sri S. T. Adityan.
5 Sri R. V. Swaminathan.
6 Sri M. S. Mogral.
7 Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliyar.
8 Sri A. S. Subbaraj.
9 Sri G. Vagheesam Pillai.
10 Sri O. A. Nanjappa.
11 Sri N. Rajagopal.
12 Sri P. Selvaraj.
13 Dr. K. B. Menon.
14 Sri S. Radhakrishnan.

" As the number of candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., fourteen, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Committee on Public Accounts."